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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated April 22, 2004, under *Ex Parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213, concerning the above-captioned patent application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: